

Detailed Action

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's Remarks/Arguments filed on 3/16/2008 regarding claims 10-11, 15, 25-26, 30-58, 62, 66-82 have been fully considered. Claims 1-9, 12-14, 16-24, 27-29, 59-61, 63-65 have been canceled by applicant.

EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The present application relates to providing a method and an apparatus for estimating at least two frequency errors between a local frequency reference of a receiver and carrier frequencies of two or more transmitters, comprising:

“combiners for combining groups of the frequency error estimates to produce at least two combined frequency error estimates,

wherein:

each of the combined frequency error estimates is a combined frequency error of only those rays associated with a same one of the two or more transmitters, the one of the two or more transmitters being different for each of the combined frequency error estimates.”

The closest prior arts, Easton et al. (USP 5,764,687) and Sih et al. (USP 6,608,858), disclose a combination method for providing individual frequency error estimates and combined frequency error estimates at a wireless communications receiver. However, the combination of

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Easton and Sih fails to anticipate or render obvious the above quoted limitations of the present application. This renders the claims allowable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin Mew whose telephone number is 571-272-3141. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 am - 5:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chi Pham can be reached on 571-272-3179. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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